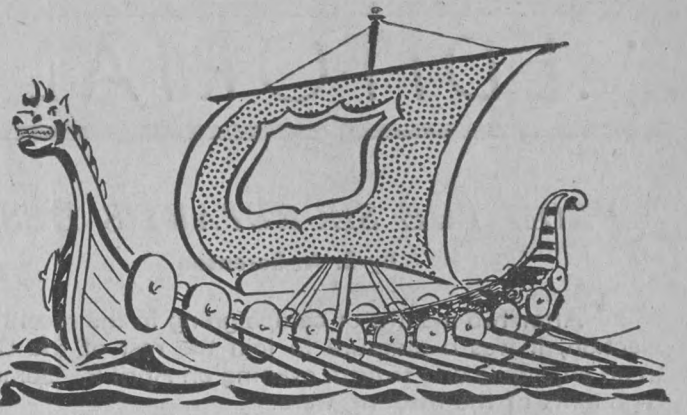


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Scandinavian Combines Business With Pleasure

The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker have good reasons for visiting Scandinavia this year, according to Scandinavian Airlines System's headquarters. So have the furrier, the physician and many other business and professional people, all of whom will find it easy to combine business with pleasure in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, whether the mission be to study techniques, see new products or establish beneficial contacts for the future.

The butcher, for example, can attend the International Butcher's convention in Copenhagen, August 23 to September 1, whereas both he and the baker will be interested in Scandinavia's renowned food and agriculture exhibits. In Norway, Feb. 19 to 23, the Kongsborg Fair, a little west of Oslo, features not only farm products but folk dancing and competitions on the distinctive Hardanger fiddle. Denmark again offers its extremely popular Danish Food Fair, May 31 to June 9, in Aalborg, near the northern terminus of the Fairy Tale Tour, and its Bellahøj Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show in Copenhagen, June 20 to 23, exhibiting famed Danish breeds of cattle and pigs. For exotic atmosphere just above the Arctic Circle Swedish Lapland presents fairs in Jokkmokk, Feb. 7 to 9, and Gällivare, March 21 to 23 where reindeer food and hide products and craft items are traded.

The candlestick maker and everyone else concerned with home

fashions, will enjoy scores of exhibits of Scandinavian design, whether his sticks are of silver, glass, ceramics, stainless steel or wood. Candles, in fact, play such an important role in Scandinavian decor that he'll want to include furniture and textile shows, too. Thus he can see the 10th Textile Exhibit in Helsinki, Feb. 17 to 20; the International Textile Fair in Aalborg, March 23 to 31; the Furniture Exhibit in Oslo, May 12 to 16, and the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade in all four capitals in September.

The furrier can bid at the auctions of mink in Copenhagen and Oslo in Feb., March and early April, and for the Finnish fox in Rovaniemi, near the Arctic Circle Feb. 13 to 15. Scandinavia's largest fur market is the Roros Fair, Feb. 10 to 15, southeast of Trondheim, whose traditions date from 1854. Blue fox and mink are Norway's specialties.

The principal international trade fairs for businessmen in general include the Swedish Industries Fair in Gothenburg, May 10 to 19; the Danish Industries Fair in Fredericia, Aug. 1 to 11, and the St. Erik's Fair in Stockholm Aug. 28 to Sept. 8. Other exhibitions and conventions appeal specifically to architects, builders, florists, yachtsmen, toy manufacturers, music teachers, 16mm film amateurs, auto dealers and repairmen, quality control experts and garment manufacturers.

Medical and health people, in particular, will find international

congresses on many specialties: dentistry, in Stockholm, July 1 to 7; embryology, in Helsinki, July 22 to 25; gerontology, in Oslo, Aug. 4 to 11; mental defectives, in Oslo Aug. 12 to 15; pathology, Oslo, and therapy, Copenhagen, June 17 to 19; Bergen, May 24 to 29; physical 23; psychoanalysis, Stockholm July 27 to Aug. 2; rehabilitation of the disabled, Copenhagen, June 23 to 29, and rheumatism, in Stockholm in August.

All these events are listed in the "International Coming Events" catalogue published by the SAS World Trade Bureau.

Additional opportunities to study Scandinavian advances in industry, agriculture, co-operatives, education, welfare and design are available through Scandinavia's various meet-the-people programs, which arrange meetings with experts and visits to plants in institutions. Tours that include international congresses are offered by many travel agents.

Augustana To House Synod Office

The year 1962 was a special one for the Augustana Lutheran Church. During that time, a merger of four denominations of Lutheranism was effected. Lutherans of Danish, Finnish, Swedish, and German backgrounds joined together to bring into being the Lutheran Church in America. A church with some 3,300,000 members on this continent.

This new Church has divided the Dominion of Canada into three Synodical Units. The Synod covering Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon being known as the Western Canada Synod.

It is in order to house the president's office of this new Synod that Augustana Lutheran Church is building a third floor on to its present education wing. Augustana has been chosen as the site for this office because of its location in downtown Edmonton within walking distance of hotels, restaurants, and transportation.

Plans are to begin building by the first part of May. The office should be ready for use by the end of July. A service of dedication will be held upon completion of the structure. Dr. J. M. Zimmerman, President of the Synod, will speak.

Program Highlights BUFORD BY-LINES Spring Carnival

The Sons of Norway Carnival, held March 30, was convened by Mrs. M. MacDonald, and officially opened by President, Peter Sather. Master of ceremonies Mr. K. Amdam, introduced the various numoers on a varied and interesting program put on by the young folks.

The Junior Accordion Orchestra rendered two numbers to open the show. A suprise number was given by the "Jasper Place Square Dancers," the first time a square dance has been performed by these jaunty entertainers.

Eight year old Annie Jensen delighted the audience with two solos sung in Danish. A very fine accordion duet was rendered by Olaf Sveen and his daughter Marylin.

Little Crystal Fleuty and Vicky Golden, in their lovely party dresses, amused the audience with the "Twist." The "Sarve Danse" (color dance) directed by Irene Hovde and Clara Hopland was a gay colorful performance. Jimmy MacDonald, Joe Lineham and Irene Hovde also performed solo numbers. The final item was a song, "Smile Awhile," sung by the Juniors and directed by Mr. Waldal.

Mrs. MacDonald was presented with a spring bouquet by Sandra Golden on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. Many thanks goes to all who contributed to make the carnival a success.

Harry Mjaatveit, Junior Lodge President, took care of the fish pond and Joe Lineham the Crown and Anchor Board. A dance concluded the evening with music supplied by Mr. Olaf Sveen and orchestra. Lunch was served by the Ladies auxiliary.

Season's Last Whist Party

There were seven tables of whist at Vasa's April 17th party. Winners were as follows: Ladies first — Alma Samuelson; men's first — Gust Johnson; booby prizes — Helga Johnson and Herman Nelson.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening. This was the last whist party for the season.

A meeting of the Buford Lodge No. 577, Vasa, was held on the last Thursday of the month with rather a scanty attendance due to bad roads in the district.

Two members were reported ill — Nora Westermarck and Mary Johnson. We hope they can be up and around soon. Clair Pearson was reported much improved and on the mend.

Committees were organized and plans finalized for the Smorgasbord to be held at Calmar later in April. The members decided to send a donation of \$10.00 to the new Medicine Hat Lodge to go towards the purchase of a flag.

Two members have celebrated their birthdays recently: Tillie Kvarnberg blew out her candles on March 24 among relatives and friends, and Bernard Johnson had a gala affair on Thursday, April 11.

Glen Pearson of Junior Vasa is spending his Easter holidays with his aunt and uncle in Edmonton.

Congratulations to Peggy and Floyd Modin on the birth of a daughter, Kristine Marie, and to Barbara and Bob Pearson on the arrival of their little girl, Lori Ann.

Last weekend Clair and Avis Pearson and family motored to Bruce to visit with relatives. They were surprised to run into heavy snowfall on their way back.

Comedy Program Enjoyed

Vasa's annual pot luck supper was held on March 24th. Many members attended and brought a delicious variety of food, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The men put on a comedy program, and I hope their fashions in clothes will NOT start a new trend. The women on the program were refreshing young beauties. An interesting film on Sweden was shown by the courtesy of Scandinavian Airlines.

FINNISH SOCIETY NEWS

Thank you goes to Mrs. S. Kit and Mrs. J. Koivuneva who were hostesses of the March and April Sewing-Circles. The time and place of the next sewing-circle will be announced later.

The Finnish Society would like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. V. Kujala and family who have returned from Vancouver to live in Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Kujala were charter members of the Finnish Society. We hope that you will be very happy in your new home here in Edmonton.

It was decided at the monthly meeting in April that the annual Juhannus Kokko would again be at Kildeer Beach in June. Details

of this event will be announced later on.

The Seven Brothers made their appearance for the last time this season at the April Dance held April 13. The Brothers presented two short skits which the audience enjoyed very much. The Finnish Society would like to thank the Seven Brothers for all the time and effort they have put into making many successful programs and hope that they will return in the fall.

Doris Liimatainen was recently in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Happy Birthday to all the people celebrating their birthdays this month.

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By S. A. Sorenson

After two months of campaigning in the recent federal election, it was a pleasure to join the rest of the Directors in an enjoyable and fruitful evening on April 9. Some of the highlights of the meeting were:

Soil Testing Holes Will Be Drilled For The New Centre:

By decision of the annual meeting, the shareholders agreed to purchase 3.28 acres at the intersection of 125 Avenue and 142 Street. A deposit of \$1,000 has already been made, and an agreement to purchase made with the City of Edmonton. Messrs. S. J. Johnson and Harold Markstrom of the Planning Committee discussed plans for the development of the site. General agreement was reached, and the Planning Committee was to meet with the Architect, Mr. Minsos, to work out details. In order that a proper foundation be laid, it was agreed that soil testing holes be drilled immediately. So, folks, it really looks as if 1963 will be the Banner Year for the Scandinavian Centre. If all goes well, construction should be well underway this year.

Chartered Flights For 1963

The June 30th flight to Copenhagen is completely filled. The August 6th flight is being filled. Hurry and make your deposit of \$100.00 before it is too late! The December 15 Christmas flight is already underway. Be sure to contact Mr. P. N. Christensen, 10951 - 164 Street (or phone HU 9-4806), Flight Chairman, for your reservations now for a Scandinavian holiday in 1963.

The "News" Now Published by Rockley's Printing

The April 1st issue of the Scandinavian News was published by Rockley's Printing. I'm sure we will all agree that the printing was clearer than in former issues. Due to difficulties in transition from one printer to another, the April 1st issue came out late. I know the editorial staff regret the inconvenience caused to our advertisers. They assure us that this and future issues will be in your hands not later than the first of each month.

Hans Kristensen, Director, Takes New Post

We congratulate Mr. Hans Kristensen on his new appointment with Wardair Ltd. He will be stationed in Denmark to direct Wardair's activities from that point. He will be missed on the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre. To him must go the credit of initiating the Chartered Flights to Scandinavia, and making them the tremendous success they have been. We wish him every success in his new position.

SCANDINAVIA'S 'SUMMER HOTELS'

A UNIQUE FEATURE

Budget-minded Canadian tourists who stop at Scandinavia's unique "summer hotels" have according to a bulletin released by Scandinavian Airlines System's Public Relations Department, more surprises in store for them than just low prices. For these hotels offer not only wonderful accommodations and service but the chance to get a closer look at Scandinavia and to have some old misconceptions about student living shattered.

Lest new misconceptions arise, please note that these "summer hotels" are not in out-of-the-way resorts, but in the capitals and other main cities. Further, they are not for youth hostellers but for the average comfort-conscious traveler. They're "summer hotels" because they're open to tourists only from June to September; the rest of the year they are residences for university students.

Most of these hotels have single or double rooms with private toilet, shower and telephone and minimum rates for singles are \$3.50 to \$4.50 a day, service charges included. Modern Scandinavian decor, restaurants, bars, cozy lobbies and reading rooms, shops, parking space and 24-hour laundry service are fairly usual.

Copenhagen's 500-room Egmont

Hotel for example, has a children's nursery. The Minerva, has 307 rooms, all singles, and its sister hotel, the Solbakken, designed for married students, has 117 twin-bedded rooms, and its eleventh-floor restaurant has excellent views of the city.

In Tampere, Finland, a beautiful city becoming better known to foreigners for its revolving amphitheatre, the new Rasti houses engineering students in winter and 100 guests in summer. Its top floor has a "sauna," the invigorating Finnish bath. In Helsinki, the 110-room Domus Academica is among several of the capital's "summer hotels" with inexpensive accommodations.

Norway's Studentbyen (Student Town), in suburban Oslo, is Scandinavia's largest hotel, with 750 rooms. Bergen's Alrek has 240 rooms and in winter serves students at the University of Bergen and the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration.

In Stockholm, the Domus has 265 rooms and the Jerum has 136 rooms. In Gothenburg, the new Volrat Tham, with 370 rooms, has special facilities for congresses, and the 105-room Viktor Rydberg is nearby.

THE GATEWAY TO EUROPE

By Povl Westphall

Ideally situated completely modernized in 1960, and capable of handling the latest and biggest jet aircraft, Copenhagen airport at Kastrup six miles from the city is the fifth largest airport in Europe.

Copenhagen's position as the fifth largest airport in Europe after London, Paris, Frankfurt, and Rome confirms that the Danish capital has become the gateway to northern Europe. Geographically favoured, it enjoys one of the best situations in the world; only six miles from the city centre, with an ideal approach, it is the nerve centre of Scandinavian air traffic.

"Wonderful Copenhagen" has become a popular holiday centre of recent years. In 1962, tourism, the national economy's infant prodigy brought in over 900 million kroner. Not only Copenhagen, most of Denmark has become a tourist centre, the principal visitors coming from the United States, the United Kingdom, West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Japan, besides the sister nations of Sweden and Norway.

But at the height of the season it is the Great Circle traffic which sets it mark on Copenhagen's new and up-to-date airport. Copenhagen is the junction for the Far East, via the Polar regions to California and via the North Pole to Alaska and Japan. This flow of traffic has given Copenhagen airport a character all its own.

The airport which welcomed the jet age at Lastrup was completed in 1960 and accommodates all the international jet types. The global planes start out from here fully loaded with a weight of 140 tons. The main airport building can deal with 10,000 passengers a day and the airport itself can effect a turn-round of 200 planes a day. It is owned and administered by the Danish Government, which leases it to 21 international airlines, the largest being the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), whose traffic is fundamental to the gateway of Europe.

SAS "United Nations Of The Air"

SAS has been appropriately called the United Nations of the air. For the first time in the history of air travel partnership has grown up between three nations, in rapid pace with the whole development of flying, with the result that in 1962 SAS is the sixth largest airlines concern in the world.

The Scandinavian fleet of American and French jet liners, DC-8 Douglasses of California and Caravelles of Sud Aviation, Toulouse, operates in 38 countries in five continents a network of 137,000 statute miles (220,000 kilometers). With its associated companies, SAS serves 113 cities in 56 countries all over the world.

The history of SAS is a modern romance. This unique partnership of the air was initiated in 1938 at a meeting in Oslo, where it was decided to investigate the possibilities of establishing trans-Atlantic flying between New York and Scandinavia. It was obvious that the problem would have to be tackled at Scandinavian level, since the various countries would separately be incapable of coping with it financially, technically, or operationally. At this time there existed three parent companies of the present SAS: The Norwegian Airways Company, established in 1927,

the Swedish Acrotransport, inaugurated in 1924, and the Danish Airways Company, the oldest in the world, which was founded in 1918 and is the only existing airways company going back to the start of the International Air Transport Association at The Hague in 1919.

Trial Flights Made In 1945

The planned inauguration of Scandinavian trans-Atlantic air traffic had to be shelved in the spring of 1940 when Denmark and Norway were occupied by the Germans. But in spite of the war the ambitious Scandinavian plans went ahead, with neutral Sweden as the focus. Technical experts paid clandestine visits to the United States and by the end of the war the first trial flights were ready to begin in July 1945 with ex-American bombers which had force-landed in Sweden. These were Boeing B-17's, Flyng Fortresses converted for 14 passengers.

The service between Scandinavia and New York, centred on Copenhagen, was officially inaugurated in September 1946; the Scandinavian Airlines System, backed by three small nations with a combined population of 15 million, had started. The start was difficult, internally as internationally, but gradually the consortium found its final form. In 1944, while war still raged in Europe, an air agreement had been concluded in Washington between Sweden and the United States, and the Swedish company, Swedish Intercontinental Air Services, had placed orders for 10 Douglas DC-4's with the factory in California. That was the prelude to SAS.

Unified System In 1951

It was on September 17, 1946, that the first Scandinavian plane, a DC-4 Dan Viking, started on the inaugural flight to New York, and two months later SAS had South America in its net. The number of services, overseas and European, steadily increased, served partly by the three parent companies individually and partly by SAS Overseas and SAS European — or E-SAS. February 1951, however, saw the establishment of the unified system that was to become one of the world's biggest; the partnership was consolidated in all its functions by the signing of an agreement by the three associated states in Oslo, valid until 1975, and later prolonged until 1985.

The capital of Scandinavian Airlines System is about 50% Government and 50% private, with a small government majority following a reconstruction necessitated by the financial burdens of the jet age. The respective national holdings are Sweden three-sevenths, Norway two-sevenths, and Denmark two-sevenths. This division has been roughly matched in material and personnel.

Norsk Tipping A/S, Norway's soccer betting monopoly, earned Kr. 38.6 million net last year. According to rules laid down by Parliament Kr. 9.7 million will be allocated to sports promotion and Kr. 28.8 million to various scientific purposes.

The Norwegian Committee for Spain contributed Kr. 135,000 last year to aid Spanish refugees in France and Kr. 95,000 to help striking workers in Spain. Ten Spanish refugee youths visited Norway last summer as guests of the Committee.

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Program Announced

Preliminary program information for the 1963 Scandinavian Festival, the foundation festival of music, drama and dance presented each May and June in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, has been announced by the Scandinavian Travel Commission, reports Scandinavian Airlines System's Public Relations Department.

The Scandinavian Festival consists of four co-ordinated events: the Royal Danish Ballet and Music Festival, in Copenhagen, May 15 to 31; the Bergen International Festival, in Bergen, Norway, May 24 to June 9; the Stockholm Festival, in Sweden, May 28 to June 19; and the Sibelius Festival in Helsinki, June 5 to 13.

Once again, the best of Scandinavia's talents will be teamed with other internationally famous performers. The Royal Danish Ballet, one of the world's leading dance companies, is the main attraction in Copenhagen. Bergen puts loving emphasis on the music of her native son, Edvard Grieg, and colorful folklore that inspired much of his work. Stockholm features its Royal Opera in programs that range from the 18th century — and presented as they would have been in that period — to the space age. Helsinki favors Jean Sibelius and other modern Finnish composers.

Guest stars from abroad in 1963 include Igor Stravinsky, Sir John Barbirolli, Eugene Ormandy and numerous soloists such as Michael Rabin, violinist, Phyllis Curtin, soprano, and Vera Zorina, as a narrator. Mr. Stravinsky will conduct the Bergen Symphony Orchestra and the Stockholm Philharmonic, and his opera, "The Rake's Progress," directed by Ingmar Bergman, will be staged by the Swedish Royal Opera. Sir John will lead the Halle Orchestra in Bergen, Stockholm and Helsinki, and Mr. Ormandy will conduct the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Copenhagen's Tivoli.

Festival dates allow visitors time to tour fjords, fairy-tale towns, sparkling lakes and folklore provinces en route from one festival city to another.

SCANDIA GLIMPSES

Vasa Lodge Skandia held their April meeting in the I.O.O.F. Temple. Mrs. Alma Samuelson donated lovely flowers for the altar in memory of her late husband, Albin Samuelson, who passed away seven years ago.

The drill team initiated the following five new members: Mrs. Sonja Bergstrom, Mr. Gus Johnson, Mrs. Emilie Johnson, Mr. Arthur Hogen, Jrs. Jean Hogen.

Tom Harold announced that he wishes to sell his cabin at Vasa Park.

Coffee and a delicious lunch was served, and dancing followed the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple. June, July, August and September meetings will be held at Vasa Park.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Vasa ladies held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Alma Samuelson. Their next meeting will be on May 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lodge, 1233 St. Albert Road.

Emma and Harold Krag have been holidaying in New York and Washington, D.C.

Ed Petterson who has been sick in hospital wishes to thank his many friends for visiting him during his illness.

Gordon and Shirley Pearson and family have been visiting relatives and friends in Kamloops, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Culham have moved to Alberta Beach, where they will be operating the Viking Cafe.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill McMaster who has been in hospital once again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushton and son, David, have been holidaying in Phoenix, Arizona, Los Angeles and Vancouver.

Mr. Ernie Hokanson and family, formerly of Peace River, are now residing in Edmonton.

Charlotte Samuelson, Matilda Eliason and Alice Johnson took third place in the Ladies' Bowlspiel at the Coral Bowling Alley, and all won new bowling shoes.

Last Dance Of The Season

"DANIA" will hold their last dance of the season on May 10th at the South Side Legion and we all hope to see many come out for this to enjoy themselves, good music, refreshments and smorrebrod to be obtained throughout the evening. Everybody welcome.

Norwegian Folk Relief has been allocated Kr. 360,000 from the State Vacation Fund to provide free 2-week holidays for over 3,400 housewives. The organization itself will raise Kr. 400,000.

Norway Travel Facts 1963, a booklet with lots of information about what to do and what to see, is available free of charge on request to: Norwegian National Travel Office, 290 Madison, New York.

VETERAN DIES

We are sorry to report that Bjorn (Barney) Arnfinnson of Lac La Biche died on April 7th. He was born in Siglunes, Manitoba in 1910 and came to Alberta in 1926 with his brothers Art, Mike and Sig.

He worked for Northern Transportation for many years, working in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories. During the off season for shipping he was engaged in the commercial fishing industry.

In the last war Barney served with the P.P.C.L.I. in England, Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in Italy in 1943 and returned to Canada in 1944.

He is survived by his wife Rose, three children Geraldine, Myles and Shirley, six brothers, John, Art, Sig, Mike, Fusi and Dori, and Dori, and three sisters, Fay, Helga, and Margaret.

THANK YOU

Members of Solglyt Lodge No. 143, Sons of Norway, wish to thank the Icelandic Society for their message of congratulations on this, our 50th Anniversary.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHTS

Charter Flights

There has been a very good response to the Charter Flights and results are gratifying. Mr. H. Kristensen reports the flight for June 29 is filled. There are still some seats available on the August 6 flight but these are reported to be going quickly, so if you want to get in on the summer vacations to Copenhagen, Stockholm or Oslo it is important you sign immediately.

There is a flight leaving from Copenhagen on June 29 for Edmonton.

Samray Junior Lodge

April 10, Wednesday, the Junior Lodge held a Bingo with cash prizes. Eighteen members came out for the evening. We would like to have more turn out. The picnic

to be held with the Senior Lodge, an event much looked forward to by the Juniors, was discussed. The next meeting will be on May 8.

Ladies Auxiliary

The April meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nels Naverseth. Discussion centered on the coming Golden Jubilee celebration. The next meeting will be in May, Friday the 3rd, at Ragna Sivertson's home. Her address is 9904 - 105 Street. All ladies welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ness enjoyed the Easter weekend holidays visiting Lillian's parents at Pincher Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sather had as Easter weekend guests Helen

Sather's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fesenden and family from Medicine Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kristensen and family are leaving Edmonton May 21 for Copenhagen where Hans will take on his new position with Wardair.

Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal and family have recently moved to their new home at 7408 - Laurier Drive. Phone number is still 488-6558.

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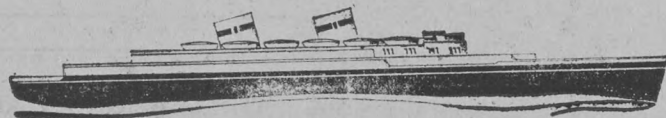
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Norway Fjords Top Attraction

The most famous scenic attractions in Norway are the Fjords and the Midnight Sun, and the Norwegians insist that if Canadians go to Europe without seeing these, it would be like going to Niagara without seeing the Falls!

Oslo, being Vikingland's capital city, is the natural starting point, with direct air services via SAS. It is a fascinating city with remarkable Viking mementos, a famed sculpture park and outstanding museums, top-grade hotels and fine restaurants. Yet it's amazing how many tourists are missing the "musts" out of the mistaken notion that Oslo contains all of them in a nutshell. They should see the Fjords as well.

The really spectacular fjords are in the heart of western Norway, in the district stretching from Stavanger in the south, to the northerly counties of More and Romsdal. Located here are the Sogne fjord, Norway's longest, the Hardanger, its most idyllic and the Geiranger, considered its most beautiful. Since a fjord is an arm of the sea, whose fabled splendor increases the further she cuts into the topography, seeing the fjords means traveling inland, mostly by bus and steamer, though part can be done by train. The best way is by the frequently operated 6-day and 3-day motor coach tours between Oslo and Bergen, port rich in memories of Edvard Grieg and the Hanseatic League, or Stavanger, picturesque canning center, or on the numerous special cruises that are available. A new and direct air service by Scandinavian Airlines System, opens this summer between New York and Bergen, offering a DC-8 jet flight every Saturday.

North Cape, one of the world's most famous landmarks at the very top of Europe, will be within reach

Easter And Tre Ascension

The Easter Season is one of rejoicing and quiet joy for the Christian. The phrases "He is risen!" and "He is risen indeed!" re-cho in the believer's heart and mind.

Each Wednesday noon during the forty days after Easter, a brief service of meditation and devotion will be held in Augustana Lutheran church stating at 12:25. These services last for 20 minutes and are intended for people who are in the downtown area during the noon hour.

May 18, 19 and 20, Queen Victoria weekend, there is going to be a Luther League Convention of the Western Canada Synod at the YMCA Camp on Lake Wabamun. The young people will be meeting under the theme: "On The Road." Pastor Sjöberg, a former Pastor of Augustana now residing in Calgary, will be the guest speaker.

The Easter Season will conclude with Ascension Day, May 23. On that evening at 8 p.m., a special Vespers service will be held on the theme of Christ's Ascension.

People of the Scandinavian community are welcome to take part in these special activities and in the Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m.

All motorcycle crash helmets sold in Norway must henceforth be approved by the State Highway Director before they can be put on the market.

even of the Blitz Traveler this summer, when the new airport opens at Kirkenes in April. It will then be possible to reach North Cape from Oslo in one day. The Midnight Sun, that awesome spectacle of dazzling colors created by a sun that seems to defy nature by continuing to blaze when your watch says there should be darkness, never dips below the horizon at North Cape from May 14 to August 1. It also can be done in one night.

While Norway is famed for its scenery, it is also inhabited by people, and today's traveler finds them of equal interest. You can get to "Know the Norwegians" under a program of the same name, and also enjoy an intimate glimpse of their delightful folklore that goes back to Viking times on evening tours, during which you hear their music, see (and try) their folk dances and taste traditional farm dishes. At the Bergen Festival of Music, Drama, Ballet and Folklore, May 24 to June 9, and at the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade in Oslo, in September, you'll enjoy panoramas of Norway's contemporary culture and latest contributions to the arts.

Mr. Joe Johnson of Clover Bar Senior Citizens' Home left Edmonton last Friday for Montreal where, on April 19, he boarded the liner Empress of Britain on a low-cost tour of Europe for Senior Citizens, sponsored by the Canadian Pacific Railway. If he can arrange it, Joe intends to make a side trip to see Iceland at the same time.

Mrs. Mike Johnson is a patient in the University Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Arnason and family spent the Easter weekend at Radium Hot Springs, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Eyford have purchased a new home in Lendrum Place. Their address is 5216 - 114 Street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Frederickson returned recently from a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harrison of North Vancouver. Mr. Harrison has accepted a position in Montreal and Gordon and Ora will be moving there shortly.

Mrs. S. Kaplun was a patient in the Royal Alexandra hospital for two weeks. She is now staying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gislason for a short time before returning to Athabasca.

Mrs. Hendrickson, accompanied by her twin daughters, Eleanor and Thelma, enjoyed the Easter holidays at Kennwick, Washington. Mrs. Hendrickson was visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Joan Chmelyk.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Smith are holidaying in British Columbia. They are spending part of their vacation with Vi and Don Galloway of Cloverdale, B.C.

Foundation Elects Officers

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Canadian - Scandinavian Foundation held in Montreal, officers were elected for 1963.

President and Chairman for the Foundation is Mr. G. L. M. Hellstrom; Vice-Presidents are Dr. L. C. Tombs and Mr. Helge A. Janson; and Honorary President Mrs. R. L. Weldon.

The Canadian - Scandinavian Foundation was incorporated in 1951 and has been active in the field of scholarships and student exchange between Canada and the Scandinavian countries. Many young Canadians have studied in Scandinavia on grants from the Foundation and Canadian technical literature relating to pulp and paper, mining and economics and political science has enriched by the contribution of such travelling scholars. Applications, which should be channeled through applicant's local university, can be addressed to Dr. Svenn Orvig, Secretary, Canadian - Scandinavian Foundation, McGill University, Montreal 2.

ICELANDIC NOTES

Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon Wagn and boys left Edmonton in March for Kingston, Ontario. Gordon is with the Signal Corps and is on a six month training course in Kingston. He will be posted when his course is completed. Thora was the lunch convener last year and both she and Gordon will be missed in the club.

Birthdays
Best wishes, health and happiness on your birthday and for many years to come . . . Mrs. Christina MacNaughton, May 28; Mrs. Mathilda Johnson, May 29

Coffee Urn Wanted
It would seem logical that the Icelandic Society should own a suitable coffee maker for large gatherings, as most of us like coffee. We can get one by saving Nabob coupons. Please send your Nabob coupons to the lunch convener, Shirley Thorvaldson, 6012 - 101A Avenue, Edmonton.

Perhaps you know others who will help also. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

John Holgersen Heads Committee

The committee has been formed in Edmonton for our Centennial to be held in 1967. The following directors are named:

Mr. John Holgersen, Chairman; Mr. R. B. Wshart, Mr. Jack Wright, Mr. Barry McCourquodale, Mr. B. L. Robinson, Mr. James L. Willford, Mrs. A. Andrikson, Mrs. A. E. Shelmerdine, Mrs. Slosser. This committee as elected will serve until after 1967 and you are urged to give them every support.

Not a single case of active tuberculosis was found among some 5,000 fishermen in West Norway who recently were X-rayed by teams of the Norwegian State Photofluorographic Service.

MAY 17th CITIZENSHIP DAY

Remember CITIZENSHIP DAY on May 17th, 1963, always a big day of the year. 4:30 — Swearing in ceremony at the Court of Canadian Citizenship with Judge O. W. Allen presiding. Open to all.

6:00 — Dinner for the new citizens and their families sponsored by Canada Safeway Ltd. and being held in the South Side Legion. All members of the Council are invited to attend at a cost of \$1.75 per person. Phone Mrs. Ole Knudsen at 434-1550. No tickets sold at the door.

Honour Ceremonies — Highlights
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Alberta Schools of Agriculture are Observing Fiftieth Anniversary

Two of Alberta's three Schools of Agriculture, Olds and Vermilion, are this year observing the fiftieth anniversary of their establishment. Under the Agricultural Schools Act of 1913, a "School of Agriculture" is defined as "a school for the purpose of teaching practical and scientific farming, household economy, domestic science, and such other subjects as the Board of Agricultural Education may prescribe." Three such Schools were opened that year, at Olds, Vermilion, and Claresholm. The Claresholm school, along with subsequent establishments at Raymond, Gleichen and Youngstown, have since been closed, while a seventh school, which was opened in Fairview in 1951, is still in operation along with Olds and Vermilion.

The founding of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Alberta can be directly attributed to the establishment of the schools of Agriculture. Professor E. A. Howes was the first principal of the Vermilion School. When in 1915, the Faculty of Agriculture was established, the majority of that first graduating class from Vermilion moved on to become the first class in Agriculture at the University, with Professor Howes becoming the

first Dean of Agriculture.

To date 16,292 students have attended the Alberta Schools of Agriculture, with 6,129 receiving diplomas. Most of the boys have returned to the home farm, a number of them secured employment as grain buyers, field servicemen, and others after graduation from the University became district agriculturists, or took employment in other phases of the agricultural industry and its related fields. Girls found employment as sales clerks, bank employees, receptionists, hospital employees, and in a variety of commercial firms. Generally speaking, girls seek employment for a few years before embarking on a homemaking career. With this in mind, the training at the Schools has been designed to meet both the immediate and long-range needs of the girls. Approximately five per cent of the graduates of the Schools of Agriculture go on to take further training in Agriculture or Home Economics at the University.

The trend towards fewer and larger farms, the enlarged rural community, the development of centralized public schools, the rapid changing of farming and farm life, and the increase in the number of

employment opportunities in agriculture other than in farming, are all factors which point up the need for a broadened and more diversified program for the Schools of Agriculture. To this end, revision of all courses is thorough and constant, and more specialization of training is now offered. New facilities are presently under construction at Olds and at Fairview, while 1963 will see the development of a one-half million dollar expansion program involving all three schools.

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The girls' team started somewhat late, because of late arrivals, and 10 girls missed taking part altogether. The girls put on a fine display and later, at the banquet, surprised their instructor, Mrs. Bente Hagen, with a fine bouquet of flowers. On the boys' team our youngest gymnast created a happy atmosphere just by his presence and drew quite a round of applause. The two keep-fit teams then showed us what they have been up to this past season.

The last group was the ladies' rhythmic, and this group is really good; Mrs. Christensen deserves a lot of credit for the fine way she has trained them.

Trophies were presented at the banquet of members of the Handball Club "Freja" and to a member from the men's team, as well as a member from one of the ladies' teams, by Mr. Jens Godbersen, president of the Danish Society "Dania."

The gymnastic club presented trophies to one member of each of the remaining teams. Handball players were presented with trophies by Mr. Helge Nielsen, president of "Freja" Handball Club.

The guest of the evening was the newly appointed Danish Vice-consul in Edmonton, Knud Holm-Pedersen.

In his speech he gave much appreciated encouragement to the two sponsoring clubs.

Mr. Hans Hjort Kristensen was master of ceremonies, and among many other things announced the result of the evening's draw. The very valuable prizes were donated by the European Art Shop in Edmonton.

The evening concluded with

Coffee Party Winds Up Bowling

"BIKUBEN'S" Bowling Team had their last game for the winter season. High scorer for March - April was Ester Lobner with 199. Ellen Clausen Team: highest average, Henny Rasmussen 160. Agda Haas Team: highest average Ester Lobner 171.

A coffee party was held at Inge Godbersen's house to wind up the season, games were played and a gift was presented to the two ladies with the highest scores for the whole season, they were Else Gormsen and Ester Lobner. It was a very delightful evening and thanks to Mrs. Godbersen for opening her house for this party.

Six of the ladies will continue to bowl in a summer league, they should all be in good training for next winters bowling season. Good luck!

Vikings Hold First Place

April 12th brings us to the end of the 2nd half of Vasa bowling. Team standings are as follows: First place, Vikings; second place, Smorgasbords; third place, Stockholm; fourth place, Ry Kings; Fifth place, Skandia; sixth place, Swedes.

Playoff for winners of the year will be held on April 19th, finding Smorgasbord and Vikings playing off for first and second place and Stockholm and Swedes for third and fourth place.

The bowling banquet will be held on May 3rd at the Paddock Dining Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Smorgasbord, entertainment and dancing. Any members wishing to attend please contact S. Pearson, GL 5-1294.

dancing until midnight.

On April 24th, our boys', girls' and ladies' rhythmic groups are invited to give a short display fro the Alberta Home and School Association conference here in Edmonton; more about this in the next news from Dania Gymnastic Club.

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Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of Svend Christensen, who came from Odense, Denmark, please call GE 9-0506, as there is a letter waiting for him from his sister, Ellen Christensen.

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